Chikungunya epidemic in Andhra Pradesh

484.SHRI PENUMALLI MADHU: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a new virus Chikungunya epidemic is rampant in the State of Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, what is the morbidity status in other parts of the country; and

(c) what are the curative and preventive meausres that are contemplated by his Ministry?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) and (b) It is a fact that the virus of Chikungunya has spread in Andhra Pradesh and also in Karnataka, Maharashtra, Tamil Nadu and Madhya Pradesh.

High incidence of fever cases with arthralgia were reported from 18 districts of Andhra Pradesh, 27 districts of Karnataka, 31 districts of Maharashtra, 31 districts of Tamil Nadu and 4 districts of Madhya Pradesh.

The State-wise distribution of suspected Chikungunya fever is indicated below:

State	No. of Districts affected	Total fever cases/ Suspected Chikungunya fever cases	No. of samples sent to NIV/NICD	No. of confirmed cases	No. of deaths	Period of reporting (Up to)
Andhra Pradesh	18	66109	—	150	0	14.7.2006
Karnataka	27	543286	4095	224	0	19.7.2006
Maharashtra	31	202114	4381	492	0	16.7.2006
Tamil Nadu	31	41211	—	—	0	19.7.2006
Madhya Pradesh	4	43784	—	4	—	17.7.2006

(c) The Government of India has taken the following steps to contain the spread of Chikungunya:

(i) Deputed teams consisting of epidemiologist, public health specialist, microbiologist and entomogist for assessment of the situation and provided technical assistance and guidenace to the State.

(ii) Disseminated comprehensive technical guidelines to states for undertaking preventive measures to contain the spread of Chikungunya and ensure diagnosis & symptomatic treatment of Chikungunya fever.

(iii) Commodity support: The states have been provided the larvicides and Pyrethrum Extract 2% for fogging.

State	Temephos (In Litres)	Pyrethrum (In Litres)
Maharashtra	6290	5000
Madhya Pradesh	1500	4000
Andhra Pradesh	7700	4500
Tamil Nadu	5425	7700
Karnataka	2600	2500

Ayurvedic drugs testing facility

485.SHRIMATI MOHSINA KIDWAI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that quality control of AYUSH drugs is very poor and there is no proper check on the circulation of spurious drugs in the country;

(b) if so, whether Government propose to enhance the surveillance system;

(c) how many labs are working/assisting to check/test the spurious drugs in the country;

(d) how many cases of spurious drugs have come to the notice of Government and the action taken thereon;

(e) whether it is also a fact that some of AYUSH drugs have been